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SUBJECT: DEFECTION TO UK OF CZECHOSLOVAK INTELLIGENCE
OFFICER

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1. THE OFFICIAL PUBLIC REACTION OF THE FRG TO SIMKO'S
DEFECTION AND REVELATIONS HAS BEEN RESTRAINED. VARIOUS
SPOKESMEN HAVE NOTED THAT SIMKO'S CHARGES MUST BE
EXAMINED, AND THAT THE QUESTION OF FURTHER ACTION (SUCH
AS PNG) MUST WAIT CONCLUSION OF THIS EXAMINATION.

2. OPPOSITION FOREIGN POLICY SPOKESMAN MARX CALLED
FOR WITHDRAWAL OF INVITATION TO HUSAK TO VISIT THE FRG.
IN REPLY, FONOFF SPOKESMAN STATED THAT NO VISIT BY
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HUSAK WAS PLANNED FOR THIS YEAR.

3. COMMENT: THE SIMKO AFFAIR IS LIKELY TO KNOCK
FRG-CZECH RELATIONS INTO A COCKED HAT FOR THE NEAR
FUTURE. THAT IS CLEARLY THE OPINION OF THE CZECH DESK
OFFICER IN THE FONOFF. COMING ON TOP OF SEVERAL
INCIDENTS WHICH HAVE HAMPERED BILATERAL RELATIONS

(DEFECTOR CHARGES, HIJACKING, HELICOPTER EXFILTRATIONS,
MINARIK AT RFE, EXPULSION OF STERN REPORTER) AND THE
WHOLE CHARTER 77 AFFAIR, IT APPEARS AS IF THE SIMKO
CASE HAS FORECLOSED FOR THE NEAR TERM WHAT FLEXIBILITY
OR INCENTIVE REMAINED TO DEVELOP RELATIONS. HOWEVER,
THE FRG'S REACTION IS NOT SET AT THIS STAGE AS BEST AS
WE CAN DETERMINE. THE FONOFF SPOKESMAN'S COMMENT ABOUT
HUSAK'S VISIT INDICATES THAT HE WILL NOT BE COMING TO
BONN THIS YEAR.
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